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AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

C O N F I D E N T I A L CHIANG MAI 013

TAGS: OVIP

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S VISIT

1. (BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED) AFTER A USEFUL AND PLEASANT DAY IN CHIANG RAI AND NAN, AMBASSADOR ARRIVED AT CHIANG MAI UNIVERSITY (CMU) AT 1700 HRS JAN 9, TO ATTEND A RECEPTION FOR HIM WITH THE FACULTY AND HOSTED BY THE RECTOR. ABOUT 50 STUDENTS WERE WAITING QUIETLY AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE RECEPTION HALL. AFTER ABOUT 15 MINUTES ANOTHER GROUP OF ABOUT 20 STUDENTS ARRIVED WHO APPEARED TO BE SAME GROUP OF INSTIGATORS AT USIS DEMONSTRATION JANUARY 8. A STRING OF FIRECRACKERS WAS EXPLODED AND THEN ONE STUDENT CAME INTO THE HALL WITH A PAPER REPLICA OF AN AMERICAN FLAG WHICH HE SET AFIRE. THE AMBASSADOR IGNORED THIS AND AFTER AN INTERVAL THE RECTOR APOLOGIZED. SHORTLY THEREAFTER THE AMBASSADOR TOOK HIS LEAVE. (END UNCLASSIFIED)

2. (BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL) COMMENT: ACCORDING TO SEVERAL REPORTS PRIOR TO MEETING, THE ACTIVIST GROUP IS NOT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MAJORITY AT THE NORTHERN STUDENT CENTER (NSC), BUT ARE RATHER MEMBERS OF THE MORE RADICAL STUDENT LIBERATION FRONT (SLF) WHO HAD JOINED THE NSC WITH A VIEW TOWARD PUSHING THAT GROUP INTO A MORE RADICAL STAND. ACCORDING TO SOME REPORTS, MANY ON THE NSC CENTRAL COMMITTEE DO NOT AGREE WITH SLF TACTICS AND ARE MOVING TO EXPEL THESE PEOPLE. WE DO NOT RPT NOT KNOW HOW THE EVENTS AT CMU WILL AFFECT THIS SPLIT.

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